

1904, art. 45, sec. 17. 1898, ch. 312, sec. 6 L.

18. The state registrar shall receive the certificates returned under this sub-title, permanently bind and preserve them, make indexes thereto, and issue certified statements of the facts relating to any birth or death. For each such certified statement he shall receive a fee of twenty-five cents, together with a payment for the time of search, if over half an hour, at the rate of fifty cents an hour, to be paid by the person asking such certified statement.

Ibid sec. 18. 1898, ch. 312, sec. 6 M.

19. Any physician or mid-wife, coroner or undertaker, whose duty it is, who fails to report a birth as provided by section 14, shall be liable to a fine of not less than five nor more than twenty-five dollars, or be imprisoned, not less than thirty days, or be both fined and imprisoned, in the discretion of the court. Any undertaker, express agent, railroad official or employe, or other person controlling, directing or in charge of the interment, entombment, removal or other disposition of the body of a deceased person before the record shall be made as required by section 10 shall be liable to a fine of not less than ten nor more than five hundred dollars, or to be imprisoned not to exceed thirty days, or to both fine and imprisonment. Any physician who shall refuse or fail to make a proper and correct certificate of the cause of death of any person upon whom he or she was the last medical attendant, to the best of his knowledge or belief, shall be liable to a fine of not less than five nor more than fifty dollars, or to be imprisoned not to exceed thirty days, or to both fine and imprisonment. Any registrar who shall, without justifiable cause, neglect or refuse to perform any of the duties enjoined on him by this sub-title, or who shall communicate to any person not authorized to receive the same, any of the personal or statistical facts recorded on his register, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and, on conviction thereof, shall be fined not exceeding three hundred dollars.

1906, ch. 124.

20. Whenever the state board of health shall have reason to believe that any local registrar of vital statistics does not make full and complete records as required by the provisions of this section, the state board of health shall take charge of and shall operate the local registration office for a period of three months, after having given to the local board of health not less than thirty days' previous notice in writing, and the state board of health shall pay the expenses incurred on account of the local registration office for the time being; provided, that the registration during that period shall be less than 10 per cent. in excess of that recorded by the local registrar in the corresponding three months of the year next preceding; and provided, further, that in case the registration by the state board of health shall exceed by 10 per cent. or more, the registration of the local registrar in the corresponding